

**NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO AMEND REGULATIONS**  
**California Code of Regulations**  
**Title 15, Crime Prevention and Corrections**  
**Division 3, Department of Corrections**

**AUTHORITY:**

Under the authority established in Penal Code (PC) Section 5058, the Director of Corrections proposes to change Title 15 of the California Code of Regulations by amending regulation(s) governing the Inmate Welfare Fund (IWF).

**REFERENCE:**

These regulations implement, interpret, and/or make specific PC Sections 5054.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Date and Time: May 5, 2000 at 9:00 a.m.  
1416 Ninth Street  
Department of Water Resources Auditorium  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Purpose: To receive comments about this action.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

Any person may submit written comments about the regulation. To be considered, comments must be received by the Department of Corrections, Regulation and Policy Management Branch, P.O. Box 942883, Sacramento, CA 94283-0001, before the close of the public comment period, May 5, 2000.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Please direct any inquiries regarding this action to Bonnie Garibay, Chief, Regulation and Policy Management Branch, Department of Corrections, P.O. Box 942883, Sacramento, CA 94283-0001 or telephone (916) 324-7770.

**ASSESSMENTS, MANDATES, AND FISCAL IMPACT:**

The adoption of the proposed amendment to this regulation will neither create nor eliminate jobs in the State of California nor result in the elimination of existing businesses, or create or expand businesses in the State of California.

This action imposes no mandates on local agencies or school districts; has no fiscal impact on local government, federal funding to the State, or private persons; has no significant adverse impact on businesses, small businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states, housing costs, or costs/reimbursements to any local agency or school district within the meaning of Government Code Section 17561. In addition, there are no other nondiscretionary costs or savings imposed on local agencies. This action affects California inmates in that it will increase their purchasing power at prison canteens which in turn will increase sales revenue for the IWF.

The statewide economic benefit from this regulation over its lifetime is estimated to be from \$0 to a maximum of \$1.8 million annually, depending on the availability of money inmates have to spend at the canteens and the canteen mark-up. The fiscal impact on State government amounts to additional expenditures of approximately \$3 million in the current State fiscal year (FY). An increase in the currently authorized budget level for the 1999/00 FY is anticipated.

**DETERMINATION:**

The Department must determine that no alternative considered would be more effective in carrying out the purpose of this action or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected persons.

**AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED TEXT AND INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS:**

The text of the proposed regulation(s), the Initial Statement of Reasons and all other information upon which the proposal is based (i.e., rulemaking file) are available upon request directed to the Department's contact person.

**AVAILABILITY OF CHANGES TO PROPOSED TEXT:**

If any substantial and sufficiently related changes are made to the text as a result of comments received during the public comment period, the Department will make the full text of the changed regulation(s) available for at least 15 days before the date the regulation(s) is permanently adopted.

**INFORMATIVE DIGEST:**

PC Section 5054 vests with the Director the supervision, management and control of the prisons, and the responsibility for the care, custody, treatment, training, discipline and employment of inmates.

PC Section 5058 authorizes the Director to prescribe and amend regulations for administration of prisons.

This action will:

- Increase the monthly canteen draw amount from \$140.00 to \$180.00.
- Increase inmates purchasing power.
- Increase sales revenue, thereby leading to a decrease in canteen selling prices.
- Generate additional revenues to help stabilize the financial condition of the IWF.